

The Salisbury Planning Board held its regular meeting on Tuesday, January 28, 2003, in the City Council Chambers of the Salisbury City Hall at 4:00 p.m. with the following being present and absent:

PRESENT: Sean Reid, Sandy Reitz, Jerry Wilkes, Lou Manning, Rodney Queen, Elaine Stiller, Ken Mowery, Jeff Smith, Len Clark, Brian Miller

ABSENT: Fred Dula, Eldridge Williams

STAFF: Harold Poole, Patrick Kennerly, Dan Mikkelson, Hubert Furr, Wendy Brindle, Tammy File

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Reid. The minutes of January 14, 2003, were approved as published.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

(a) Legislative Committee- members Jeff Smith and Brian Miller gave a combined review of the committee meeting in which the discussion was temporary signs for special events or promotions, as had been referred to Planning Board by the City Council. The Legislative committee met on January 17, and felt the set of recommendations pertaining to banners and balloons seemed reasonable and sent it back to Planning Board with a favorable recommendation. Brian Miller made the motion to hold a Courtesy Hearing to further discuss the issue, Jeff Smith seconded the motion with all members voting AYE. Jeff Smith asked for the following people to be invited car dealers, Chamber of Commerce, Merchants Association, Max Kent and John Leatherman.

(b) Race Track Committee- Rodney Queen , from the Race Track Committee, said the committee met on Wednesday, January 22 in the Administrative Conference Room of Rowan Regional Medical Center. A lot of things the committee wanted to discuss they couldn't discuss because of the pending court action. There was a lot of discuss that was positive and when you talk about race tracks that covers such a broad area from drag racing to World 600 to dirt tracks, even down to the quarter midget. The committee's hands being tied in this situation, and the Planning Board having the burden of trying to come up with something that will please everyone, it's very hard.

The committee reviewed a paper, prepared by our staff, on race track regulations in other jurisdictions we could find (included were regulations for Gastonia, Hickory, Greensboro, Charlotte, and Statesville, as well as the one recently adopted by Rowan County). There appear to be some municipalities that are similar to Salisbury in not listing race tracks in their Ordinance. The committee allowed Darlene Blount to hand out a paper that she had put together, which included a section from the Henderson County Ordinance entitled "Motor Sports Facilities."

The Board reviewed the Resolution City Council adopted on January 21, which placed a 90-day Moratorium on "the development of and issuing of permits for race tracks and motor sports facilities." The Resolution clearly gave Planning Board the right – in fact, the responsibility- to continue its work on conducting"...a study on the issues related to race tracks

and motor sports facilities, and the impact of such facilities on other land uses, including, but not by way of limitation, residential neighborhoods.”

Jeff Smith suggested that the Board members go by Hubert Furr’s office to look at the proposed site plan.

The Race Track Committee set up their second meeting for Friday, January 31, at 7:30 a.m., in the Administrative Conference Room at Rowan Regional Medical Center.

(c) Group Homes Committee- Group Homes and Family Care Homes – Elaine Stiller, Chair of the committee gave the committee report. The committee held its first meeting on January 27, in the City Council Chambers, Joe Morris gave a report on the status of group homes in Salisbury. The committee discussed how they would try to get applicants to be more specific on what kind of facility, by asking for definitions of terms (current and proposed), location (on a map and spreadsheet) of “residential treatment facilities” and “supervised living facilities” in the Salisbury planning jurisdiction.

The Group Homes Committee set up their next meeting on Wednesday, February, 12 at 4:30 p.m., in the City Council Chambers.

CURRENT & UPCOMING STREET/ROAD PROJECTS

City Traffic Engineer Wendy Brindle gave a report on the city’s current and upcoming street and road projects. Wendy said the I-85 project through Salisbury (up to Bringle Ferry Road) is due to be completed by December 2004. The East Innes Street project should be finished in May 2003. The US-70 project phase closest to Salisbury has been delayed, its starting time was suppose to be in the fall of 2002, but it has been delayed until early 2003. The work on the bridge over East Innes at downtown could be begun as early as this June, but other factors could cause that project to be delayed.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

Chairman

Secretary